# Arlington Historic District Commissions

September 26, 2013 Whittemore Robbins House

### FINAL & APPROVED MINUTES

Commissioners
Present:

D. Baldwin, C. Barry, M. Bush, B. Cohen, S. Makowka (arrived at 8:30), J. Nyberg,

J. Worden

Commissioners
Not Present:

J. Black, J. Cummings, C. Hamilton, M. Logan, M. Penzenik

Guests:

D. Glod, M. Crispin, S. Meyers, G. McKinnon, J. Constantine

1. AHDC Meeting Opens

8:00pm

Beth Cohen called meeting to order in absence of S. Makowka

- 2. Appointment of alternate Commissioners Broadway and Central C. Barry, M. Bush, B. Cohen, S. Makowka (upon late arrival); Pleasant Street C. Barry, M. Bush, S. Makowka (upon late arrival); Jason/Gray M. Bush, B. Cohen, S. Makowka (upon late arrival)
- 3. Approval of draft minutes from August 22, 2013 meetings. D. Baldwin moved approval, unanimous approval

#### 4. Communications

- a. CONA Application for 45 Jason Street
- b. CONA Application for 154 Westminster Ave.
- c. Email re: Historic Signage Meeting 9/19. Town has set aside money to do studies for signage at key historical and cultural sites. S. Makowka made report about latest meeting. He reported that the AHDC should consider where District signage may be needed. Commissioners asked to report by next meeting locations current and proposed of signs for Districts.
- d. CONA Application for 184-186 Pleasant Street
- e. Emails re: Parmenter School fence and door (17 Irving Street)
- f. Emails re: MA Preservation Conference in Lexington
- g. Email and Application for 239 Pleasant Street
- h. Email re: start of work at 161 Pleasant Street
- i. C. Barry received email from 109 Westminster Ave. re: reducing garage height by 3 feet
- j. Email re: groundbreaking ceremony at Church of Christ (formerly Pleasant Street Congregational Church)
- k. D. Baldwin talked with owners of 51 Academy Street who did some unpermitted work. Shouldn't AHDC send notice to these people and others who do unpermitted work that doesn't meet AHDC guidelines. S. Makowka will send letter.

#### 5. New Business

Hearings (typically last around 20 minutes per application)

8:20pm

1. Continuation of Formal Hearing for 272 Broadway for renovations including a dormer. M. Crispin presented revised plans to add dormer for bathroom. S. Myers, architect was present to answer questions. Applicant presented 2 options, stated that he prefers scheme #1 (shed dormer). S. Makowka joined meeting at 8:30pm Commissioners preferred scheme #2 (gabled dormer) - stating that it had better detail and balance. C. Barry asked about possibility of pulling in the end of the dormer but the Applicant noted that it was really tight with the space needed for the shower. J. Nyberg said it balances dormer on other side and has similar roofline all the way around. The applicant noted that they were proposing red cedar clapboard siding. There was discussion about various options for walls and corner boards including the cladding of the triangular pediment area.. M. Bush stated corner boards as they sit are a touch small, might go 8", not any bigger though. J. Nyberg moved approval of dormer addition described as scheme # 2, subject to the additional conditions that it shall have 8" vs. 6" corner boards, cedar clapboard siding, and double hung wood windows consistent with Commission guidelines. Applicant may also opt for either flat boards or clapboards in triangular peak with details to be approved by monitor prior to installation. Unanimous approval. Monitor appointed B. Cohen

DOCUMENTATION: Application. New drawings.

2. Continuation of Formal Hearing re: 37 Jason Street (Lees) for solar panels. J. Constantine from Solarflair presented. Discussion whether there are other locations on the roof where there can be panels. The answer is no it has to be patchy as presented. S. Makowka moved denial as submitted due to the inconsistency with the Commission's guidelines with the criteria for solar panels. Seconded by C. Barry, Roll Call – J. Worden, C. Barry, M. Bush, J. Nyberg, D. Baldwin, B. Cohen, S. Makowka all voted in favor of the denial.

Documentation: see first hearing date

3. Continuation of Formal Hearing re: 10 Central Street (Hedlund) for solar panels.
J. Constantine presented. Did shade study of alternative roof (on ancillary building) and determined that there was not enough exposure due to close proximity to neighboring house. Proposed to stay on originally proposed roof with black frame panels but will pull them away from roof edge and closer to the chimney. D. Baldwin moved acceptance of revised plans as presented on 9/26, seconded by J. Nyberg. Unanimous approval. Monitor appointed D. Baldwin

DOCUMENTATION: New plans and pictures submitted 9/26.

4. Formal Hearing re: 175 Pleasant Street (Lucchese) for converting window to a door. J. Lucchese presented. They want to put in a door to the backyard as part of interior renovations. The plan is to remove existing window and turn it into a door which will allow direct entry in to back yard. The plan is to reuse the window in the breezeway. They are proposing a 30" door that will match the wood to the outside of the house and will match another door on the other side of the kitchen that already exists. Trim will replicate what is around existing windows. The proposed change is in the area on the side of the house with the wood clapboards. There will be a few steps with a wood white painted handrail along the house to match. S. Makowka asked why the plans specify an additional change of a second window in the brick portion of the same side wall. The applicant clarified that that change was not going to happen now and should be removed from the plans. S. Makowka moved approval of the proposed replacement of window as shown in plan with a wood door that is

consistent with the guidelines. Also, the window replacement on brick part of the wall is not part of the approval, the details of the needed steps/risers to be worked out with the monitor, the door trim details to match existing details on the house, and final approval of plan to be approved by monitor prior to installation. J Nyberg seconded. Unanimous approval. C. Barry appointed monitor.

DOCUMENTATION: APPLICATION, EMAILS, PLANS

5. Informal Hearing re: 239 Pleasant Street (McKinnon) for retaining wall changes. G. McKinnon presented. Replacing wall exactly where it is. Front face being tiered back about 6 feet. 6 Feet at bottom then will go up remaining 4 feet. Will need staircase up as well. Large, round, New England fieldstone is proposed. Stairs to have granite treads with fieldstone risers. Would look like continuation of wall. Small set, then landing, then set up to top. Black wrought iron railing and fence will be requested at next meeting. No precast cap on the wall, rather will be like the concrete one on the top of the picture presented. S. Makowka asked how stairway will meet wall. Other side will be grassy slope. S. Makowka said he feels wall is an improvement, but is concerned about the stairs. Not enough details on stairs and this will be a prominent feature and he needs more info to approved stairs as a 10 day. M. Bush concerned about fence in context with the wall. M. Bush proposed we issue 10 day certificate to demolish wall. J. Worden moved that the change to remove and replace wall per provided plans has an insubstantial effect on the purposes of the district. Motion was seconded. All voted in favor. M. Bush then moved we issued a 10 day certificate to demolish existing wall. Motion was seconded for discussion. Several commissioners feel that replacement of wall as described would be an appropriate. J. Worden said first tier wall will be exactly where wall is now with second wall being immediately behind. M. Bush withdrew motion. S. Makowka moved approval of demolition and replacement of existing wall with two tiered plans as shown with natural stone construction with no approval for railing or stairs at this time. Final plans to be reviewed by monitor prior to installation. All voted in favor. J. Cummings appointed monitor.

DOCUMENTATION: APPLICATION, PICTURES, PLANS

6. Informal Hearing re: 216 Pleasant Street. R. Russell requested approval for exhaust fan in bathroom. M. Bush moved approval of a 10 day certificate for installation of low profile exhaust fan in soffit. Seconded by C. Barry. Unanimous approval for 10 day certificate approval. M. Bush moved approval of 10 day certificate for installation of low profile bathroom vent in soffit. Seconded by D. Baldwin. Unanimous approval. Monitor appointed M. Bush

DOCUMENTATION; APPLICATION, PHOTOS

### 6. Other Business

- a. Preservation Loan Program Update J. Worden reported two loans approved by AHC.
   Franklin Street and Old Schwamb Mill approved. Window restoration on Gray Street expected to be approved soon.
- b. Outreach to Neighborhoods & Realtors
- c. Update of Project List by Commissioners Commissioners asked to update and send email
- d. Discussion regarding Draft Streetscape Recommendations by J. Cummings and D. Baldwin to Master Plan committee postponed to next meeting.
- e. 2013 Massachusetts Historic Preservation Conference, Lexington, Friday, October 18th

- f. MA Preservation Projects Fund Grant Recipient: Pleasant Street Congregational Church, Boston Church of Christ
- g. Town Day Update thank you for all your help!

#### OPEN FORUM

Any matter presented for consideration of the Commission shall neither be acted upon, nor a formal decision made the night of the presentation

## 8. REVIEW OF PROJECTS (See project list below) Project List:

- 1. 11 Westmoreland Avenue (Caruso 01-12M) 6/02 -- Cohen-COA
- 2. 79 Crescent Hill (Moore, 04-5G) Cohen-CONA
- 3. 175 Lowell Street (Erickson for Hill, 05-07M) Cohen COA
- 4. 105 Westminster Ave. (Orrigo 05-27M) Cohen COA
- 5. 123 Westminster Ave. (Urgotis 06-26M) Makowka CONA (Front Steps)
- 6. 152b Pleasant St. (Cury 07-16P) Worden COA (Fence)
- 7. 10 Montague St. (Jirak 07-20M) Makowka CONA (Fence Replacement)
- 8. 3 Westmoreland Ave. (Canty 07-23M) Makowka CONA (Roof & Light)
- 9. 149 Pleasant St. (Alberto 07-53P) Penzenik COA (Porch Windows)
- 10. 170 Pleasant St. (Gillis/Kelly 07-56P) Cohen COA (Basement Windows)
- 11. 72 Westminster Ave. (Colman 08-01M) Cohen COA (Front Porch)
- 12. 34 Jason Street (Szymanski 08-09P) Makowka CONA (Deck on Rear)
- 13. 754 Mass. Ave. (Vorlicek 08-31J) Worden COA (Handicap Lift, Stairs, Entry, Door)
- 14. 193 Westminster Ave. (Pemsler 08-33M) Cohen COA (porch, siding removal, stairs)
- 15. 175 Pleasant Street (Lucchese 08-34P) Penzenik COA (fence)
- 16. 393-395 Mass. Ave. (Barkan 08-45B) Makowka 10 Day COA (Shutters)
- 17. 14 Westmoreland Ave. (Leveille 08-48M) Makowka CONA (Retaining Wall)
- 18. 81 Westminster Ave. (Lemire 09-06M) Makowka CONA (Windows)
- 19. 184 Westminster Ave. (Kahn 09-10M) Makowka COA (Roof)
- 20. 160 Westminster Ave. (Jackson 09-12M) Makowka COA (Addition Revision)
- 21. 156 Westminster Ave. (LaFleur/Ehlert 09-13M) Makowka CONA (Driveway, Steps, Landing)
- 22. 179 Westminster (Cerundolo 09-20M) Cohen COA (Porch, Trim, Siding Removal)
- 23. 203 Lowell Street (Salocks/Stafford 09-22M) Makowka COA (Addition)
- 24. 74 Pleasant Street (St Johns 09-25P) Worden COA (Sign & lighting)
- 25. 86 Pleasant Street (Coyner 09-26P) Makowka 10 Day COA (shutters)
- 26. 79 Crescent Hill Ave. (Diaz 09-31M) Makowka COA (door removal, stoop, window)
- 27. 147 Lowell Street (Nyberg 09-41M) Smurzynski COA (Deck)
- 28. 10 Montague Street (Jirak 09-46M) Makowka CONA (Garage Deck Demolition)
- 29. 109 Westminster Ave. (Rines/Pascale 10-03M) Makowka COA (Porch)
- 174 Westminster Ave. (Landwehr/Szaraz 10-06M) Makowka CONA (Wood Window Repair)
- 31. 10 Montague Street (Jirak 10-07M) Makowka COA (Railings)
- 32. 174 Westminster Ave. (Bush/Sheldon 10-09M) Makowka CONA (Gutters)
- 33. 23 Maple Street (Town of Arl. 10-13P) Makowka CONA (Door)
- 34. 215 Pleasant Street (Gruber 10-15P) Penzenik COA (Garage Door)
- 35. 193 Westminster (Pemsler 10-21M) Cohen COA (Windows, Siding)
- 36. 114 Westminster Ave. (Metzger 10-28M) Makowka CONA (Shingles-Porch-Rafters)
- 37. 114 Westminster Ave. (Metzger 10-29M) Nyberg COA (Windows)
- 38. 10 Jason Street (Young-Sullivan 10-32J) Cohen COA (Chimney-Skylite)
- 39. 123 Westminster Ave. (Urgotis 10-38M) Makowka CONA (Porch Columns)

- **40.** 193 Westminster Ave. (Pemsler 10-41M) Cohen COA (Siding Removal-Clapboard-Windows)
- 41. 3 Westmoreland Ave. (Canty-Eng 10-42M) Makowka CONA (Window Sash)
- **42.** 14 Westmoreland Ave. (Leveille 10-45M) Makowka CONA (Vinyl Siding Removal-Shingle Repair on Areas Not Visible from Public View)
- 43. 25 Elder Terrace (Hussain 10-47M) Makowka CONA (Roof, Gutters, Down Spouts)
- 44. 52-54 Westminster Ave. (O'Shea 10-49M) Makowka COA (Door)
- 45. 14 Westmoreland Ave. (Leveille 10-51M) Cohen COA (Siding-Attic Windows)
- 46. 12 Elder Terrace (Folkers 10-53M) Cohen COA (Garage)
- 47. 24 Jason Street (Smith-Towner 10-54J) Makowka CONA (Stairs-Handrail)
- 48. 160 Westminster Ave. (Jackson 10-58M) Makowka CONA (Fence)
- 49. 19 Westmoreland Ave. (Naar 11-01M) Makowka CONA (Porch-Stairs-Rail-Trim)
- 50. 50 Westmoreland Ave. (Sessa 11-04M) Makowka CONA (Shingles)
- 51. 188-190 Westminster Ave. (Kokubo 11-08M) Penzenik COA (Addition-Windows)
- **52.** 69 Crescent Hill Ave. (Bush-Sheldon 11-09M) Makowka (Siding-Deck-Windows) REMOVE
- 53. 114 Westminster Ave. (Fleming-Metzger 11-10M) Makowka CONA (Rear Deck)
- 54. 157 Lowell Street (Stevens 11-12M) Makowka CONA (Railing)
- **55.** 69 Crescent Hill Ave. (Bush-Sheldon 11-13M) Nyberg COA (Shingles/Clapboard) REMOVE
- 56. 44 Academy Street (Gevalt/Bachrach -11-21P) Penzenik COA (Shed)
- 57. 35 Jason Street (Lynch 11-22J) Makowka COA (Rear Deck and Addition)
- 58. 21 Montague Street (Elwell/Nemec 11-25M) Makowka CONA (Fascia-Porch-Rail)
- 59. 157 Lowell Street (Stevens 11-32M) Makowka CONA (Fence)
- 60. 20 Russell Street, #1 (Briggs 11-37R) Makowka CONA (Windows)
- 61. 170 Pleasant Street (Gillis-Kely 11-39P) Levy COA (Basement Windows)
- **62.** 19 Jason Street (Dargon-Green 11-40J) Cohen COA (Rear Deck-Stairway-Rails on Front)
- 63. 160 Westminster Ave. (Jackson 11-41M) Nyberg 10 Day COA (Shed)
- 64. 52-54 Westminster Ave. (O'Shea 11-46M) Makowka CONA (Rear Deck/Porch)
- 65. 111 Pleasant Street (Frideau 11-49) Nyberg COA (Fence)
- 66. 161 Westminster Ave. (Lancelotta 11-50M) Black COA (Gutters)
- 187 Westminster Ave. (Danaher-Obrien 11-51M) Makowka -- CONA (Roof)
- 68. 187 Lowell Street (Grinnell 11-52M) Makowka 10 Day COA (Door and Windows)
- 69. 82 Westminster Ave. (Ivers 12-01M) -- Makowka CONA (Storm Windows)
- 70. 204 Pleasant Street (English -- 12-02P DENIAL) -- Makowka (Address Marker/Wall)
- 71. 10 Montague Street (Silverman/Stima 12-05M) COA (Deck Doors)
- 72. 55 Academy Street (Givertzman 12-06P) Nyberg COA (Addition-Windows) DONE
- 73. 30-32 Jason Street (Harris/Charest 12-08J) Makowka CONA (Porch Repair)
- 74. 23 Water Street (Whitford 12-09R) Baldwin COA (Rooftop Solar Panels)
- 15-15A Avon Place (Burke 12-10A) Black/Nyberg COA (Main House/Garage Demo/Carriage House Build)
- 76. 3 Westmoreland Ave. (Canty/Eng-12-12M) Makowka CONA (Wall)
- 77. 41 Crescent Hill Ave. (Mead 12-13M) Makowka CONA (Roof)
- 78. 19 Maple Street (Hirani 12-14P) Makowka CONA (Gutters)
- **79.** 734 Mass. Ave. (Davidson 12-17J) Makowka CONA (Windows)
- 80. 214R Pleasant Street (Bisher-Bernstein 12-22P) Penzenik COA (House Redesign)
- 20 Russell Terrace (Ulin 12-23R) Makowka CONA (A/C Replacement)
- 82. 30 Jason Street (Harris 12-25J) Makowka CONA (Rear Windows)
- 83. 252 Pleasant Street (Schweich 12-27P) Nyberg COA (Windows-Decks&More)
- 84. 66 Pleasant Street (Fraumeni 12-30P) Makowka CONA (Gutters/Downspouts)
- 85. 10 Avon Place (Gnewuck 12-31A) Makowka CONA (Shingles)
- 86. 114 Westminster Ave. (Fleming/Metzger 12-32M) Makowka CONA (Windows)

```
87. 30 Jason Street (Harris – 12-34J) – Nyberg – COA (Windows)
```

- 88. 11 Wellington Street (Herold 12-36P) Makowka CONA (Fence)
- 89. 10 Avon Place (Gnewuck 12-37A) Cohen COA (Railing)
- 90. 23 Maple Street (Town of Arl. -- 12-38P) -- Makowka -- COA (Porches-Entry-Fire Esc)
- 91. 156 Pleasant Street (Seitz 12-39P) Penzenik COA (Windows)
- 92. 47 Irving Street (Kaplan 12-40J) Cohen COA (House Addition)
- 93. 119 Pleasant Street (Poulos 12-43P) Makowka CONA (Roof)
- 94. 60 Pleasant Street (Brentwood 12-44P) Makowka CONA (Sliding Doors)
- 95. 28 Russell Street (Ames 12-45R) Makowka CONA (Fence)
- 96. 259 Pleasant Street (Fatula 12-46P) Nyberg COA (Gutters)
- 97. 28 Russell Street (Amex 12-48R) Makoka COA (Porch/Stairs/Railings)
- 98. 60 Pleasant Street (Brentwood 12-49P) Makowka CONA (Windows)
- 99. 30 Jason Street (Harris/Charest 12-50J) Makowka CONA (Sills/Wells)
- 100. 119 Pleasant Street (Poulos Trust 12-53P) Makowka CONA (Windows)
- 101. 30 Jason Street (Harris/Charest 12-52J) Nyberg COA (Porches)
- 102. 11 Oak Knoll (Clossey 12-54P) Cohen CONA (Dormer, Window Repair)
- 103. 140 Pleasant Street (Haas 12-55) Makowka CONA (Gutter)
- 104. 35 Jason Street (Lynch 12-56J) Makowka CONA (Fence)
- 105. 195 Westminster Ave. (Rothstein 13-01M) Cohen COA (Skylights/Tube)
- 106. 81 Westminster Ave. (Lemire 13-02M) Makowka CONA (Door)
- 107. 3 Westmoreland Ave. (Canty 13-03M) Makowka COA (Roof Vent)
- 108. 55 Westminster Ave. (Maier/Ching 13-04M) Cohen COA (Windows)
- 109. 21 Central Street (Dyer 13-05C) Cohen COA (Solar Panels)
- 110. 119 Pleasant Street (Poulos 13-06P) Makowka CONA (Doors)
- 111. 75 Pleasant Street (Bos. Church of Christ 13-07P) Makowka/Cohen COA (Annex Renovations/Church Restorations)
- 112. Lot 47 (aka 247 Pleasant Street- 13-08P) Nyberg COA (new house)
- 113. 160 Westminster Ave. (Jackson 13-09M) Nyberg COA (Fence)
- 114. 204 Pleasant Street (Sirah RT 13-10P) Penzenik COA (Cupola/Windows)
- 115. 19 Jason Street (Dargon 13-11J) Makowka CONA (windows)
- 116. 188 Pleasant Street (Cleary/Carr 13-13P) Makowka CONA (AC units)
- 117. 11 Oak Knoll (Clossey 13-14P) Makowka CONA (window repair)
- 118. 24 Jason Street (Smith-Towner 13-15J) Makowka CONA (porch repair)
- 119. 86 Pleasant Street (Coyner 13-16P) Makowka CONA (chimney repair)
- 120. 69 Crescent Hill Ave. (Bush-Sheldon 13-17M) Makowka CONA (window replacement)
- 121. 7 Oak Knoll (Bailey 13-18P) Makowka CONA (step repair)
- 122. 33 Westminster Ave. (Donnelly 13-19M) Makowka CONA (roof)
- 123. 139 Pleasant Street (DaSilva 13-21P) Makowka CONA (doors/insulation blow-in)
- 124. 7 Jason Terrace (Fredieu Historical Society 13-22J) Makowka CONA (roof)
- 125. 161 Pleasant Street (Clinton 13-23P) Cummings changed to Makowka COA (posts)
- 126. 24 Jason Street (Smith-Towner 13-24J) Makowka COA (gutters/fascia/soffits)
- 127. 170 Pleasant Street (Kelly 13-25P) Makowka CONA (steps and sidewalls)
- 128. 144 Pleasant Street (Bemis 13-26P) Makowka CONA (roof)
- 129. 20 Prescott Street (Vasilyev 13-27R) Cohen COA (side porch and stairs)
- 130. 15 Wellington Street (Cohen 13-28P) Makowka COA (gutters/fascia/soffits)
- 131. 208 Pleasant Street (Hart 13-29P) Makowka COA (solar panels)
- 132. 210 Pleasant Street (Hart 13-30P) Makowka –COA (solar panels)
- 133. 118 Pleasant Street (Foley Trust 13-31P) –Nyberg COA (gutters)
- 134. 62 Crescent Hill Ave. (Wenocur/LeJeune 13-32M) Makowka CONA (Fence/Driveway)
- 135. 26 Jason Street (Angelakis 13-33J) Makowka CONA (rear windows)
- 136. 41 Crescent HillAve. (Mead/Hanley 13-34M) Makowka CONA (stairs)
- 137. 33 Gray Street (Lubar 13-35J) Makowka (CONA (stairs and deck)
- 138. 14 Jason Court (Stone 13-36J) Makowka CONA (fence sections)

- 139. 52-54 Westminster Ave. (O'Shea 13-38M) Makowka CONA (siding)
- 140. 24 Russell Street (Smith-Fiorentini 13-39R) Makowka (CONA) (steps/deck)
- 141. 188 Pleasant Street (Carr 13-40P) Makowka CONA (gutters/fascia)
- 142. 24 Avon Place (Sayigh 13-41A) Makowka CONA (windows)
- 143. 61 Crescent Hill Ave. (DeNatale 13-44M) Makowka CONA (roof)
- 144. 175 Pleasant Street (Lucchese 13-45P) Makowka CONA (repairs)
- 145. 109 Westminster Ave. (Rines-Pascale 13-46M) Barry COA (garage)
- 146. 23 Jason Street (Leary-Hammerman 13-47J) Cohen COA (addition)
- 147. 161 Westminster Ave. (Lancelotta 13-48M) Makowka COA (fence)
- 148. 18 Prescott Street (Smith 13-50R) Makowka COA (rear deck)
- 149. 15 Oak Knoll (Lo 13-51P) Makowka Hardship COA (solar panels)
- 150. 15 Oak Knoll (Lo 13-52P) Makowka CONA (windows, doors)
- 151. 49 Academy Street (Baldwin 13-53P) Worden COA (steps)
- 152. 31 Central Street (Sampsonl/Cummings 13-54C) Makowka COA (addition)
- 153. 45 Jason Street (Hamilton 13-55J) Makowka CONA (porch/gutters
- 154. 154 Westminster Ave. (Walters 13-56M) Makowka CONA (porches/steps)
- 155. 184-186 Pleasant St. (Lang-Datta 13-57P) Makowka CONA (shingles/siding)

Meeting Adjourns 10:03PM